

WORK FOR THE WOMEN

What They Can Do to Improve Their Home Town.

MAKE IT DECENT TO LIVE IN

How a Michigan Woman Is Trying to Redeem a Community—The Value of Recreation Centers—A Striking Instance.

In Irondele, Mich., a town in the Calumet region, lives a woman who is devoting her life to helping the people. writes Martha Hensley in the *Delta Editor* for November. But Dr. Harriet Mitchell thinks that the right way to help the people is not to give them food or clothes or medicine only, but to make these things unnecessary. The town of 2,200 people, crowded into four or five streets on the edge of a swamp, has no drainage system, because the fall of the water is so slight between it and Lake Michigan.

I went with Dr. Mitchell to visit some sick children. "Look out of the back window," she said while she examined a little Polish girl, "and you will see what is the matter with her."

Back of the house a small space had been hardened with tramped ashes and refuse, making an island in the surrounding sea of black mud, formed in which the germ waivered fat and multiplied. At one side was a pond almost indistinguishable from the earth beneath the covering of glistening green slime. And for such unsanitary germs as could neither for the mud nor the slime there was a pile of festering garbage. Here a dozen children played with sticks in a bad spring half submerged in the ooze.

Dr. Mitchell groaned as she looked out.

"What can be done," said she, "with no other places for children to play than yards like these? The only way is to put out the garbage."

Dr. Mitchell has persuaded the city fathers of Irondele that it is cheaper to them to conform to the rules of our face. As things and the disposal of refuse, it is a constant procession. The city fathers have been bent on covering the children out of the streets. She has helped to persuade the board of health to build a recreation center, which will contain in addition to its park space a ball field, a gymnasium, bathhouse and a swimming pool, athletic apparatus, reading room and a lecture hall.

What that recreation hall will mean for the women of Irondele I saw when I went with Dr. Mitchell to ask Andrew Vancura, an old-time settler, to be the leading citizen, which for the present was to be held in the hall over Mr. Carlock's saloon. The hall is a roomy place, and the women of Irondele are glad to be there.

Something more, she said, when my wife, Grace, and I went to the hall to see the place. The place is a roomy place, and the women of Irondele are glad to be there.

"And how right," Dr. Mitchell said as we came away. "The hall over Mr. Carlock's is no place for a woman. Now, in the recreation center there will be a decent place for the children to play, and a decent place for the women to be in."

If this recreation center does for Irondele what similar centers have done for parts of Chicago, Dr. Mitchell will have helped to a permanent improvement of her town. The people will be cleaner because of the public bath, stronger because of the gymnasium and the outdoor games, wiser through the use of the reading room and the public lectures.

What can a woman do for her town? Make it a decent place to live in. If the people are dying from fever, she can look into the water supply, find out how the refuse is disposed of and make a report to the selectmen or the board of health. This is more helpful than laying out dead babies. If the boys and girls are turning out badly, she can visit the schools and find out what is wrong, she can see if the compulsory education laws are enforced and if the children who must come up before the court are wisely treated. If factory conditions are bad, she can at least learn whether they are within the law or not.

The town where philanthropy is needed is a reproach to every woman in it. The charity turkey and the rummage sale are accusations. It is no longer enough that a woman shall mean well, she must know. And unless she leaves her town permanently better than she found it her good work has altogether failed.

Street Trees and Sewers.

We occasionally hear of some town or small city being violently agitated through finding that roots of street trees are entering the sewers and filling them up. Such discoveries only bring to light some very poorly planned sewers, says the *Los Angeles Times*. Properly constructed sewers are just as immune from damage by tree

roots as a vitrified brick. If this were not so we should hear of plenty of trouble from the hundreds of thousands of street trees throughout southern California. The few cases of damage by tree roots record the number of bad leaks in our town sewers. There is nothing especially attractive for roots about sewers except a liberal leak, and if this exists the roots of all plants and trees will head that way at once. If not defective, roots will avoid a sewer pipe as quickly as they will a stone or other hard and impermeable substance.

Billboards as Nuisances.

California reports an inspiring advance in the campaign against offensive posters, billboards and advertising boardings in the judicial decision that such objects are nuisances, subject to abatement by the police authorities under the common law, says the *New York Tribune*. It was argued that anything needlessly offensive to the senses was a nuisance. A soap factory or a pigsty would not be tolerated in close proximity to residences because of the vile odors which would outrage the sense of smell. A stone crusher or a boiler factory would be similarly forbidden because of the outrage upon the sense of hearing. But the eyes are as precious as the nose or ears, and the sense of sight, the most useful and valuable of all the senses, is as much entitled to protection against outrage as any other. So it was contended, and it was decided by the judge that posters or billboards which grossly offended the eye were for that reason nuisances and might be suppressed as such.

Railroad Gardening.

The Illinois Central railroad, with its 5,000 miles of track, retains a very complete force of gardeners. Aside from the chief and assistant chief, there are five division gardeners and four who travel with construction gangs. These are provided with two camp cars, in which they carry tools and their own baggage, etc. On 200 stations there are shrubs and other plants used to beautify the yards, while lawns are planted or sown on fifty others. There are two catalpa plantations of 200 acres each.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School - - - 10 a. m.
Divine Service - - - 11 a. m.
Christian Endeavor - - 7 p. m.
Evening Service - - - 7:30 p. m.

Jack for Sale.

A fine Maltese Jack fourteen and a half hands high.
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Methodist Church.

Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching services, 11 a. m.; junior league, 3:30 p. m.; senior league, 7 p. m.; preaching services, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.; choir practice, 8 p. m.

Thursday: Home Mission Society first Thursday in each month at 5 p. m.; choir practice, 7 p. m.

The pastor, as well as the Charity and Help Department of the League and the Home Mission Society, will be glad to learn of the whereabouts of the needy, sick or strangers.

Just received a big shipment of late books of romance, storied history and adventure.

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Catholic Services

are held regularly every Sunday at both of the Catholic churches of Carlsbad. High mass and sermon in English at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Instruction in Christian doctrine at 3 p. m. Benediction after instruction.

Mass at 7:30 a. m. every morning during week days.

Mass at 9 a. m. at the church of San Jose, for the Spanish speaking natives or others, on Sundays.

All are cordially invited to these services.

Quick Meal gasoline stove for sale by Tracy-Roberts Hardware Co.

Bone meal to make hens lay, at the Union Market.

See A. J. Crawford.

For two phaetons, one double buggy, harness, saddle, ensilage cutter, hay rake and fanning mill and finest horse in town.

The show at the opera house will be better next week; come and see. 10c.